

## **Board of Health Minutes**

### **June 10, 2021**

Attendance: Rita Metzger, Shirley Fessler, Catherine Wagner, Jonathan Neils, Dr. Todd Nelson, Nick Muench, and Shannon Wanek Also attending: Heather Feest. Excused: Stephanie Lambert Absent: Dave Nickels and Dr. Brian Konowalchuk

#### **Regular Business:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Rita Metzger at 5:00 p.m. The minutes of the April 8, 2021 Board of Health meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Shirley Fessler and Dr. Todd Nelson seconded by to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

#### **Nurse Manager Reporting on behalf of Health Officer:**

- COVID-19 Update
  - Heather Feest reported that COVID19 cases remain low. With a continued monthly drop in cases. For the month of April confirmed case counts were 142, with May having fewer cases at 127.
  - The county continues to administer COVID-19 vaccines at mobile clinics. The Health Department successfully administered 64 vaccines at the Manitowoc Farmers Market in May. Another clinic is scheduled for this upcoming Saturday.
  - Some local businesses are now giving an incentive if a certain percentage of employees are vaccinated, they will consider lifting their mask mandate. The health department is noticing an increase in clients when hosting mobile immunization clinics at local businesses related to the incentive. Example, Northern Labs had 8 -10 employees scheduled and health department immunized 32 employees. Also, we are anticipating a large number of employees to be vaccinated at our upcoming mobile clinic scheduled at Tenneco.
  - Clinics continue to be well-received by the community, convenience and going to the clients seem to be a major incentive for community members to get vaccinated.
  - The Child and Adolescent Immunization schedule has been revised to correlate with local health care organizations, this will help with continuation of care to a primary care provider.
  - Continued refinement of the health department as we move forward from the COVID19 pandemic.
- Communicable Disease Report
  - Chlamydia cases are down to 10 cases compared to 34 cases in April. One tuberculosis case was reported for the month of April. No other diseases of note were observed in April or May.
  - Health department has purchased rapid HCV and HIV testing kits. These will allow the department to be mobile and go into the community to screen clients. Also, the client will know their results sooner. In return, the goal is to decrease potential additional infection to others by the client knowing results sooner.

#### **Environmental Health Manager Report:**

- Nothing to note

#### **WIC Director Report:**

- WIC final caseload for April was 896 participants, 544 families. Initial caseload for May was 906 participants and 537 families. The contracted caseload unavailable. Per Dr. Nelson, 1,067 participants were noted on board of health minutes from April. (*Note from Health Officer Lambert – the contracted caseload has changed from 1068 to 890*)
- Farmer's Market issuance started June 1<sup>st</sup>. Each eligible participant (not eligible are infant 6-9 months) are able to receive \$30.00 to use for Wisconsin grown fruits and vegetables at the local farmer's markets and farm stands.

#### **Next Meeting Date and Adjournment**

The next meeting date for the Board of Health will be August 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM in the public health building. A motion to adjourn was made by Nicolas Muench and seconded by John Neils. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Feest, RN BSN, Acting Secretary